

Life in God's Kingdom: Week 4 (September 12, 2021)

Matthew 5:17-20

1. Have you ever been accused of something you didn't do? How did that make you feel?
2. The Pharisees accuse Jesus of abolishing the Old Testament. Why is such a claim a *really* big deal? What would we lose if we didn't have the Old Testament in our Bible?
3. Matthew uses the word 'fulfill' 14 times in his book. See if you can find some of them. What does Jesus mean when he uses the word in our passage?
4. Have someone read Luke 24:13-27. What do you think were some specific things/passages Jesus must have shown them in this conversation?
5. Knowing that Jesus is the focus of the Bible, how does that impact the way we read it?
6. Knowing that the story of the Bible is a unified, unfolding drama (and not just a series of short stories), how does that impact the way we read it?
7. It's no secret that we often tend to spend more time reading the New Testament than the Old. Why do you think that is?
8. What are some ways we can practically grow in loving and reading the Old Testament well?
9. How does this passage of Scripture most comfort and/or convict you personally?